THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The payment rates for casual production Assistants booked in the News Division of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi have been revised recently. The revised rates do not apply to the Production Assistants booked in other Divisions and Kendras.

(c) and (d) A proposal to enhance the payment rates for casual Production Assistants booked in other Divisions and Doordarshan Kendras is under consideration of the Directorate General, Doordarshan.

Harassment of employees of AIR, Nagpur

5517. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some members of the staff of All India Radio, Nagpur are being harassed by their seniors and are being frequently transferred;

(b) if so, whether the said staff have made any representation in this regard;

(c) if so, what action is being taken in this regard; and

(d) what long term steps are proposed to be taken to see that such harassment is not done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However some employees of All India Radio, Nagpur have made representations in this regard.

(c) The representations were promptly looked into and action taken to remove misunderstandings or apprehensions of the concerned employees.

(d) Does not airse.

PAC's Criticism on DD Programmes

5518. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament in its 57th Report tabled in Parliament on the 4th March, 1994 has criticised Doordarshan commissioned programme on production, shortcomings, irregularities etc. as has been brought out in the news item captioned "PAC raps DD on programmes" appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' dated 5th March, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following inadequacies/shortcomings have been mentioned in the Report:

> "Absence of planning regarding programme requirements, absence of procedure in the selection/empanelment of producers, defects in the costing techniques, delay in production, delay in telecast of programmes, incorrect procedure adopted in respect of security deposits and deduction of income-tax at source, sharing of copyrights with the producers, absence of guidelines/instructions to regulate the administration of the scheme and lack of control of the Ministry over Doordarshan in this regard and certain lapses in maintenance of accounts of Doordarshan."

(c) The recommendations are being examined whereafter suitable remedial action will be taken.

Time Allotted for Different Political Parties in Bhopal DD Kendra

5519. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the time given to Congress party and Bhartiya Janata Party respectively during the period from 1st January, 1994 to 31st March, 1944 in the news telecast by Bhopal Doordarshan; and

(b) whether the recognised opposition party in the state i.e. Bhartiya Janata Party is deliberately given less coverage; if so, what are the reasons for such partiality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Items are included in the news bulletins of Doordarshan based on their news worthiness. During the period in question the time taken on news relating to the Congress (I) and the BJP was 9.40 minutes and 5.20 minutes respectively.

(b) No, Sir, it is not a fact.

नर्मदा सागर, ओंकारेश्वर, महेश्वर तथा बोधघाट विद्युत परियोजनाओं को पूरा किया जाना

5520. **श्री शिवप्रसाद धनपुरिया** : क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) नर्मदा सागर, ओंकारेश्वर, महेश्वर तथा बोधघाट विद्युत परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने का लक्ष्य क्या है;

(ख) ओंकारेश्वर तथा बोधघाट परियोजनाओं की स्वीकृति के सम्बन्ध में वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है, और

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति देने में यदि कोई विलम्ब है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) नर्मदा सागर, ओंकारेश्वर, महेश्वर तथा बोधघाट विद्युत परियोजनाओं को पूरा करने के लिए लक्ष्य निम्नलिखित है :—

परियोजना का नाम	चालू करने का नियत समय (मे०वा०)
1. नर्मदा सागर (8×125 मे०वा०)	6×125 मे० वा० 9वीं योजना में 2×125 मे० वा० 9वीं योजना के बाद
2. ओंकारेश्वर (8×65 मे०वा०)	6×65 मे०वा० 9वीं योजना में 2×65 मे०वा० 9वीं योजना के बाद
3. महेश्वर (10×40 मे०वा०)	9वीं योजना
4. बोधघाट (4×125 मे०वा०)	9वीं योजना के बाद

(ख) और (ग) बोधघाट (4×125 मे०वा०) जल विद्युत परियोजना को नवम्बर, 1978 में केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा तकनीकी आर्थिक रूप से स्वीकृत कर दिया गया था तथा उसे 24.2.79 को योजना आयोग से निवेश अनुमोदन प्राप्त हो गया था। पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृत 20.2.1985 को प्राप्त कर ली गई थी। तथापि, राज्य सरकार ने परियोजना के लिए वन्य स्वीकृति प्राप्त नहीं की है।

ओंकारेश्वर (8×65 मे०वा०) जल विद्युत परियोजना को 14-12-1993 को केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा तकनीकी आर्थिक रूप से स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई थी तथा इसे क्रमशः 13-10-93 और 22-10-93 को पर्यावरणीय तथा वन्य स्वीकृतियां प्राप्त हो गई थीं। राज्य सरकार द्वारा योजना आयोग से निवेश अनुमोदन प्राप्त किया जाना है।

Taxation Policy for Private Sector Power Projects

5521. **SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN**: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have proposed an optional taxation policy for private sector power projects in the country;

(b) whether the proposal has been approved by the Ministry of Finance;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to allow foreign companies to be taxed within the country; and

(e) the provision and scope for Indian promoters on Risk Capital Investments ?